

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have

incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord:
whoever eats this bread
will live for ever.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark **14:12-16. 22-26**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B - 1st/2nd JUNE, 2024



This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant. How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (eucharistia). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT
SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday 9:45 am
Saturday 9.30 am
i.e. following Mass (COVID-safe protocols apply)

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
YEAR B - 1st/ 2nd June, 2024

PRAYING FOR:

Maurice d'Offay, Helen Foley,
Patricia Schleiger, Lawrence Crasto,
Geraldine Kruger,

...and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Eduardo Oropeza, Amelia Cervi, Bill Cervi,
Pelagio Aviles, Teresita Salvador,
Teu Bukasongo, Saturnina Lucas,
Rosalia Lomacchio, Antonino Gullo,
Melania Volkel, Frederick Herft,
Christopher Herft, Angus Emery,
Margaret Giffney, Dinh & Tran,

....and all whose anniversaries occur about
this time.

...additionally we keep in our prayers all
who are currently unwell.

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent
2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from
Year B in the Lectionary cycle
Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical
Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to support both the
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through
your generous contributions. Both OLA & St
Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>

The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>

HIGHETT-CHELTENHAM

A sincere thank you to all those who submitted suggestions and their thoughts behind a possible name for our newly forming parish, as we bring together the two parish communities of St Agnes' and Our Lady of the Assumption. Your suggestions have been collated, and ordered in terms of the number of people who suggested a particular name. This will be sent off by the end of this coming week to the Archdiocese, so Archbishop Comensoli can review the list, and make his decision. Should you still wish to access the report and other documents relating to the formal amalgamation of Highett & Cheltenham Parishes they can be accessed via the OLA website News Page:

<https://olacheltenham.org.au/2024/04/19/discernment-sessions-phase-2-documents/>

Download the detailed '**Implementation Plan**' for the '**Reconfiguration of the Bayside Parishes**' here: bit.ly/47JiBHR



OLA COMMUNITY PANTRY is now located at the end of the Wilson Street exit to our car park. Created & designed by the amazing Grade 3/4 students, this pantry is a symbol of our community spirit. Offering a helping hand to those in need, we gratefully accept donations of non-perishable food items. Together, through your generosity and the creativity of our young leaders, we can build a stronger and more supportive community for all. *Please take what you need & give what you can.*

† UPCOMING FUNERALS †

Mass – Tuesday 4th June at 11am (OLA)
Josephine Gibbins (RIP)

Prayers – Friday 7th June at 11am (OLA)
Maurice d'Offay (RIP)

*May the souls of all our faithful departed,
rest in peace.*

Gospel reading continued...

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



This Sunday 2nd June, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

MAY 2024 – MASS COUNT FIGURES
for St Agnes and OLA churches

	St Agnes 6pm	OLA 9am	OLA 11am
Week 1	70	203	120
Week 2	86	130	143
Week 3	85	135	142
Week 4	79	142	152



2024 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip

to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, on the weekend of the 15th / 16th June, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar. **You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.**